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In response to the office action mailed 01 July 2002, Applicant offers the following remarks. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 25, and 26 are pending and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Hollenberg. Applicant appreciates the phone call with the Examiner when the Examiner explained his interpretation of the reference relative to localities and equivalencies between claim elements and what is shown in the Hollenberg reference.

The present invention is perhaps easy to misunderstand, but the invention is patentably distinct from the reference cited. The present invention relates to a locality. The definition accepted by the Patent Office on page 6 of the Office Action, namely that a locality is "a defined area associated with a point of presence," is acceptable for the purposes of the present discussion. Localities are defined for points of presence such as stores, geographic areas, landmarks, or the like. Examples of localities are provided in Figures 4A-4C. When a mobile terminal enters the locality, such as by comparing a GPS reading to coordinates associated with the locality, content associated with the locality is provided to the mobile terminal. Thus, when, for example, the mobile terminal enters Ronald Reagan International Airport, the mobile terminal receives information about the Victoria Secret Store, the Cheesecake Factory, the specials that USAIR is running, and other similar bits of content that are all related to the locality, namely Ronald Reagan International Airport. Other permutations on this exist and will be discussed in the relevant claims.